THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Regular compilation of rail and road shares in total freight movement is not done. Last time these were compiled by the Steering Committee on Perspective Planning for Transport Development set up by Planning Commission which submitted its report in 1988 according to which Railway's share during the year 1970-71 was 69.0 per cent and in 1980-81 was 61.9 per cent. However, Economic Survey 1993-94 assesses the Railway's share of freight traffic to be around 40 per cent.

(c) The increase in rail tariff during 1994-95 formed a part of the budget, proposals for 1994-95.

(d) As per the latest figures available for the Revenue Earning Goods Traffic during the first two months of current financial year, the Railways carried 0.93 per cent higher traffic than target.

Collapse of houses in Calcutta due to construction of Metro Railways

1305. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of cases of house collapse had taken place in Calcutta during the construction of Metro Railways; and

(b) whether Government propose to prevent such occurance and compensate the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) I. The following preventive measures are being taken for safety of the buildings;

(i) Strengthening of foundations is being done by cement grouting of foundations.

(ii) Supporting of over hanging projections of the biuldings is being done wherever necessary.

(iii) Repairs to cracks are being carried out wherever necessary.

(iv) Grouting by cement and chemicals of soil mass outside the diaphragm wall is being done.

(v) Repair to leaky sewer/pipes are being carried out.

II. The following actcon to provide compensation to the affected families have been taken:

(i) An immediate compensation of Rs. 5000/- per family has been paid.

(ii) Metro Railway has offered quarters at Dum Dum to rehabilitate the affected persons and alternatively a rent payment of Rs. 1200/- per month, till such time the buildings are rebuilt.

(iii) Metro Railway has promised to rebuild the houses as per original plan subject to it being agreed to by the owner and approval of Calcutta Municipal Corporation.

(iv) Compensation will be paid as decided by the Competent Authority under the Metro Railways (Construction of Work Act, 1978.

रेल विभाग में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के अभ्यार्थियों की नियुक्ति

1306. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों हेतु चलाये गये विशेष भर्ती अभियान के तहत रोजगार सूचना संख्या आर०आर०बी०/पटना/3190–91 के अन्तर्गत चयन किये गये

अभ्यर्थियों को अभी तक नियुक्ति पत्र नहीं दिये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त रोजगार सूचना के अन्तर्गत कार्यालय लिपिक-ग्रेड 1 के लिये चयन किये गये अभ्यार्थियों तथा आज की तिथि तक नियुक्ति हेतु पैनल में शामिल किये गये अभ्यर्थियों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पूर्व रेलवे मुख्यालय उपर्युक्त नियुक्तियों के संबंध में काफी लापरवाही बरत रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है तथा पैनल में सभी अभ्यार्थियों को कब तक नियुक्ति किये जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) विशेष भर्ती अभियान के अन्तर्गत कार्यालय लिपक ग्रेड I के पद के लिये अनु० जाति के 23 तथा अनु० जनजाति के 7 उम्मीदवारों का चयन किया गया था । उनमें से अनुसूचित जाति के 8 तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के 7 उम्मीदवारों के पहले नियुक्ति किया जा चुका है । इस समय पैनल में नियुक्ति के लिये अनुसूचित जाति के केवल 15 उम्मीदवार हैं ।

(ग) और (घ) जनशक्ति नियोजन तथा भाप लोको शैडों को बन्द कर दिये जाने के कारण फालतू घोषित किये गये कर्मचारियों की पुनः तैनाती के कारण लिपिकीय संवर्ग में नई भर्ती अस्थगित कर दी गई थी । रिक्तियां होने पर अनुसूचित जाति के शेष 15 उम्मीदवारों की नियुक्ति पत्र जारी किये जायेंगे ।

Conversion of railway lines

1307. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the metre gauge sections over various zonal railways, zone-wise converted into broad guage during the last three year, year-wise details along with details of length of each section-wise, actual cost incurred and period taken in the said conversions;

(b) the names of various metre guage section presently being converted into broad guage with details of their length, estimated cost and target for completion, each section-wise details;

(c) the names of other metre guage sections Government propose to convert into broad guage in the near future alongwith the details of their length and anticipated cost;

(d) the names of new Railways lines laid during the last one decate year-wise details alongwith details of cost line-wise; and

(e) whether Government propose ot expedite the conversion of Lumding-Dibrugarh section over N. F. Railway from MG to BG in view of the strategic importance of that region as well as the special emphasis accorded on the speedy development of North-Eastern States, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIF):